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SUBJECT: CBS EVENING NEWS COMMENTS ON MICROWAVES IN USEMB
MOSCOW, SUNDAY, APRIL 25
NO. 14

BOB SCHIEFFER, CBS-TV EVENING NEWS:

"THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS A CLASSIFIED STATE DEPARTMENT
DOCUMENT CONCLUDES THAT ALUMINUM SCREENS RECENTLY INSTALLED
AT THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW ARE NOW 90 PERCENT EFFECTIVE
IN BLOCKING MICROWAVE RADIATION BEING BEAMED FROM THE
SOVIETS. THE DOCUMENT, WHICH WAS PREPARED FOR USE IN
CLOSED BRIEFINGS OF EMBASSY EMPLOYEES, DOES NOT GO INTO WHY
THE SOVIETS ARE CONTINUING THE MICROWAVE BOMBARDMENT.

BUT CBS NEWS HAS LEARNED THAT MANY TOP-LEVEL STATE DEPART-
MENT OFFICIALS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE MICROWAVES ARE MAINLY
INTENDED TO CAUSE HEALTH HAZARDS TO AMERICAN EMBASSY PER-
SONNEL. DESPITE OFFICIAL DENIALS, IT'S BEEN LEARNED THAT
US AMBASSADOR WALTER STOESSEL IS SUFFERING FROM PERNICIOUS
ANEMIA, WHICH IN EXTREME CASES CAN LEAD TO SUDDEN PERSON-
ALITY CHANGES. US OFFICIALS BELIEVE HIS ILLNESS IS RELATED
TO THE EXPOSURE TO HIGH LEVELS OF RADIATION. THE LEVEL WAS
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SO GREAT THAT STOESSEL AT ONE POINT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WORKED

OUT OF HIS RESIDENCE INSTEAD OF HIS EMBASSY OFFICE, USING THE
PRETEXT THAT HE WAS SUFFERING FROM THE FLU." END TEXT. SISCO

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